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Corporate Actions Dissemination Guide

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Introduction

ASX has introduced the ReferencePoint service to replace the Signal E service. ReferencePoint included a change to the Dividend message generation rule, providing an enhanced service for our customers.

The dividend corporate action message will now be generated as soon as a minimum essential data is received by ASX whereas Signal E does not generate messages until all pre-defined set of data fields are complete.

When ASX receives additional information for the corporate action, a new message is generated containing both the previously sent information and the new information.

The *Corporate Action ID* field is the same on all related messages, enabling customers to identify subsequent messages with additional data.

For example, ASX receives a company announcement that a dividend will be paid. The announcement contains the *Record Date* but not the *Dividend Amount*. ReferencePoint will generate a message when ASX has processed this announcement. (Signal E would not generate a message).

Subsequently, a further announcement is received that contains the *Dividend Amount*. ReferencePoint will generate a second message containing this new information as well as the data included in the original message. (Signal E would only generate a message at this time, i.e. when all the pre-defined set of information had been received by ASX).

Customers can choose to modify their systems to take advantage of this particular enhancement by progressively updating their applications as additional messages are generated by ReferencePoint. Alternatively, they can modify their systems to reject messages that do not have all the data fields filled, i.e. so that they operate like the old Signal E feed.

Corporate Action Message Dissemination Rules

This table summarises the old Signal E and ReferencePoint Corporate Action dissemination rules for relevant corporate action messages.

Corporate Action Type	Old Signal E Rule A corporate action message will only be sent if all of these data fields are available	ReferencePoint Rule A corporate action message will be sent as soon as these data fields are available
Bonus*	• Ex-Date • Record Date Parent • Cash Adjustment • Calculation Method • Fraction Rounding • Terms Multiplier • Terms Divisor	Same as old Signal E rule
Calls	• Call Due Date • Capital Adjustment Amount or Premium Adjustment Amount	Same as old Signal E rule
Capital/Premium Adjustment	• Ex-Date • Record Date Parent • Capital Return Payable Date • Capital Adjustment	Same as old Signal E rule
Class/Name Change	• Effective Date This corporate action is applied on the Effective Date.	Same as old Signal E rule
Company Option Conversion	• Record Date Parent Record Date is set to Expiry Date for Company Options. • Cessation Date – is set 7 days prior to Record Date	Same as old Signal E rule
Convertible Notes Conversion	• Record Date Parent Record Date is set to Maturity Date for Convertible Notes • Cessation Date – is set 7 days prior to Record Date	Same as old Signal E rule

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Dividend	• Ex-Date
	• Record Date Parent
	• Payable Date
	• Current Dividend Amount (an exception to this particular data rule is for Trust Units – Security Type 6.
		• Dividend Amount
		
		Or
		
		• Any of the below Date Fields
		   o Record Date/Ex-Date (Ex-Date is determined from the Record Date)
		   o Payable Date

Equal Access Buy-Back	• Record Date • Ex-Date - is determined from the Record Date	Same as old Signal E rule
Interest Payments (Loan and Convertible Notes)	• An interest payment for the next interest payment period is automatically calculated the next day following each interest payment date.	Same as old Signal E rule
Non-Renounceable (Entitlement)*	• Ex-Date • Record Date Parent • Applications Close Date Shares • Cash Adjustment • Terms Divisor • Terms Multiplier • Application Capital or Application Premium • Calculation Method • Fraction Rounding	Same as old Signal E rule
Priority (Non Pro-Rata)	• Ex-Date • Record Date Parent • Despatch Date New Shares	Same as old Signal E rule
Reconstruction	• Effective Date & Record Date Parent (Record Date is set four business days following Effective Date) • Calculation Method • Object New Issuer Code • Object New Security Code • Terms Multiplier (Consolidation & Split) • Fraction Rounding	Same as old Signal E rule

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Renounceable (Rights)*	- Ex-Date - Record Date Parent - Applications Close Date - Renunciation Close Date - Despatch Date New shares (issue of equities only) - Cash Adjustment - Terms Divisor - Terms Multiplier - Application Capital or Application Premium - Calculation Method - Fraction Rounding	Same as old Signal E rule
Share Purchase Plan	(this is a new message type)	Record Date For this type of event, the Record Date is set to the next business date upon entry of an ASX Code when the share Purchase Plan information has been made available via company announcement

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* NOTES
The following corporate actions are associated with bonus, rights and entitlement issue packages. Dissemination of these corporate actions depends on the terms and conditions stipulated by the issuers. There will be no change in the way these corporate actions will be disseminated.   - Attaching Option   - Protection Unavailable

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